Journal #3: Pick 1

1. Regarding your novel, what should a reader have as their background knowledge to better read and understand it? How would this background knowledge help? What if they DIDN’T have it? How would their reading or enjoyment level change? Did you have the adequate background knowledge prior to reading the novel? Did you do any research to learn of certain subjects to better understand?
2. Think about the “monsters” that have been set loose on one of the characters in your novel. Explain one of the difficult obstacles that your character must overcome (his or her “monster”). What skills or qualities did the author give the character to help him or her overcome this particular “monster”? How did these skills or qualities help your character? Do you have a “monster” that needs fighting? Do you have what you need to overcome the “monster”? Explain.
3. Considering what you have read in your novel, what three things seem MOST TRUE? You can use characters, events, places, conflicts, or anything else you’d like, but you must believe that they seem very true. ALSO, explain how the author has made them seem so realistic.
4. Explain or describe IN DETAIL a moment or event in your novel in which a character “Stood in his (or her) own sunshine.” What was one thing that happened to your character that was brilliant and dazzling, at least in the opinion of your character? How was this event made possible? Explain a time where you “stood in your own sunshine”.